

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 L-03 /022 W  
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R 191305Z JAN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4332

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EWWT, KE  
SUBJECT: UGANDAN COFFEE SHIPMENT FRAUD

REF: STATE 010737 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS TRACED POLICE INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT. IT APPEARS THAT INVESTIGATION WAS PASSED FROM MOMBASA PROT POLICE TO DIVISIONAL CID AND IS PRESENTLY BEING HANDLED BY COAST PROVINCIAL CID.

2. SENIOR OFFICIALS IN KENYA POLICE HEADQUARTERS NAIROBI ADVISE THAT TO MAKE POSITIVE FINDING THAT EITHER THE TWO LETTERS OF RE-CONSIGNMENT OR THE RE-ISSUED BILL OF LADING WERE FORGERIES, ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED FOR A HAND-WRITING AND TYPEWRITING COMPARISON BY CID EXPERTS IN NAIROBI. LYKES LINES AGENT IN MOMBASA, MR. JOHN HAYES, HAS BEEN APPRISED OF THIS BY EMBASSY AND STATED THAT HE WOULD PUT LYKES' ATTORNEYS IN TOUCH WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATION. HAYES DID ADVISE THAT LYKES HAD GIVEN TO THE POLICE THE ORIGINAL TWO LETTERS RE-CONSIGNING COFFEE, AN APPARENT CONTRADICTION TO POLICE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY EMBASSY.

3. EMBASSY HAS EXERTED PRESSURE ON SENIOR POLICE OFFICIAL IN MOMBASA THROUGH HEADQUARTERS CONTACTS IN NAIROBI TO  
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OFFER LYKES FULL COOPERATION IN RESOLVING THIS MATTER. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE IS LITTLE ELSE THAT CAN BE DONE FROM EMBASSY'S POSITION AND THAT FURTHER MEANINGFUL INQUIRY CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY LYKES WORKING DIRECTLY WITH POLICE. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION OF ANY POLICE COVER-UP IN THIS MATTER AND WOULD ASCRIBE DELAY TO INEFFICIENCY RATHER THAN DISHONESTY - ALTHOUGH CONSIDERABLE

CORRUPTION IS KNOWN TO EXIST WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

4. LYKES AGENT HAS BEEN ADVISED TO CONTACT EMBASSY SHOULD HE ENCOUNTER ANY FURTHER DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION. POLICE HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY AS SOON AS MATTER IS RESOLVED. DOES DEPT. NEED FULL REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATION OR CAN THIS BE HANDLED THROUGH LYKES LINES AGENT AND ATTORNEYS?

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